given by the Forest Department and the same were taken charge of by the Tramway Department.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—So what I am to understand is that the same quantity was billed for and the same quantity was supplied also ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes.

Appointment of the Division Inspector.

205. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether it is a fact that the Government is intending to appoint the Prosecuting Inspector Mr. Pascal in the place of the retiring Inspector of Police, Mr. C. K. Narayanaswami Pillai ;

(2) if the answer to No. (1) is in the affirmative, what are the grounds for passing over the claims of the Inspectors who are specially trained for executive work at Government expenses ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) Mr. Pascal has already been appointed s. p. t. Division Inspector in the place of Mr. C. K. Narayanswami Pillai.

(2) Their claims have not been passed over.

206. **Dr. A. R. Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) (a) when does the term of service of Police Inspector Mr. C. K. Narayanaswami Pillai expire ;

(d) did he apply for an extension ;

(c) if the answer for (b) is in the affirmative, was it not granted ;

(2) does not the Government intend appointing one of the Vellore-trained Inspectors to the vacancy that will occur in the Division by the retirement of Mr. Narayanaswami Pillai ;

(3) if the answer to (2) is in the negative, what are the reasons for disregarding those who were specially trained at Government cost ;

(4) how long have the two Probationary Police Inspectors been on practical training in Division work ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) (a On 11th Vrischigam 1104.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

(2) and (3). Vide the answer to question No. 205.

(4) One year and 2 months.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It is said that he applied for an extension. Did he mention any specific reason in the application for the extension ?

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Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—He said that he wanted to finish the education of his son who was studying in Madras.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—For how many months did he ask for extension ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—For five months.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to tell me, is there any black mark or any punishment inflicted on him during his long period of service ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I must claim for notice, for I have not looked into the files.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I shall take it that there is no such charge, nothing against him. In the light of that, and also in the light of the practice obtaining in Cochin State of giving extensions indiscriminately, will the Government be pleased to state why this officer was refused the extension ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—All that is a comment.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese—Is that a correct statement, Sir, giving indiscriminate extensions and all that ? The Police Commissioner has given the answer. I honestly cannot understand whether he can call the answer given as improper and all those things.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—If I am making incorrect statements, the President can call me to order. Why unnecessarily interrupt me ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—In the first place, the Member has not quite correctly expressed the policy of the Government or even the conduct of the Government by stating that it was giving extensions indiscriminately. Each case was well considered and thought out, and only when it was found absolutely necessary for the efficiency of the service, extensions were given.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—That is a matter of opinion.

Has the Government found out that it is prejudicial to the efficiency of the Government that the extension of five months should not be given to the Inspector ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It was this way. There were already two men who were waiting to be absorbed into the service. (*Hear, hear.*) Now the Government did not want them to continue as such by retaining people already liable to retire on account of the age-limit.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—That is the policy followed ?

I think those two gentlemen, probationary Inspectors, are full-blown graduates ? Are they not ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes.

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Dr. A. R. Menon.—Therefore, they satisfy that condition. Then they have undergone training for one year at Vellore. Will the Government be pleased to tell me why one of the two, Messrs. Mannadiyar and Devassi, was not appointed to the post which fell permanently vacant on account of the retirement of Mr. Narayanaswami Pillai?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The reason is this. Government did not want to commit any injustice towards one of the best officers of the Police Department. Mr. Pascal was appointed to the place because he was senior to these gentlemen. Further he was already in the grade of the Inspectors and he has put in about 26 years of service. Now there is the vacant post of the Divisional Inspector and the authorities found, both the Government and the Commissioner of Police, both of them have highly appreciated his work as Inspector.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Now the two reasons pointed out are age and service. Is not Mr. Ranganatha Ayyar older than the present Commissioner of Police and has he not put in more years of service?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—But then he was not in the Commissioner's grade. There is no overlooking the claims of any body. That is what I want to impress upon the Member.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I do not want any advice from the Commissioner now. I want only the answer to my question. But I shall be happy to ask you whenever I want your advice. And I know also how to behave.

Knowing that this officer has been acting as the Inspector of Police for 21 times;—

President.—How many?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It is only 11 times; will the Government be pleased to state why these two gentlemen were sent to Vellore for police training at the Government expense?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Government found it desirable to have some direct recruitments. Till now the policy was that Sub-Inspectors used to be promoted as Divisional Inspectors; but they found that their work was not up to the mark. In British, the policy of direct recruitment is followed. So the same policy was adopted here.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Government wanted to have Inspectors by direct recruitment and they also know that the vacancy would take place only after two years. Even then they sent two men to Vellore for training two years back. Now I ask why the public money has been wasted for two years before the necessity arose?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—That is the view of the Government. Government did not think that it has wasted

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public money by sending these persons to Vellore two years ago; because these gentlemen after their return ought to have some experience in their line and they are being trained up.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What is the object of sending these men to Vellore? Is it not for police training and to qualify them to be appointed as Police Inspectors? Is it not so?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Both are necessary, Vellore training and District training.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state why these two Inspectors after one year's training at Vellore and 1 year and 2 months' probationary period in the State cannot be appointed to the Divisional Inspector's place?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—They had no District training which the Government find was insufficient for the purpose of their appointment to the post.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—In the case of the Police Commissioner and the Inspector is the training at Vellore sufficient for the post?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—He had also District training; mere Vellore training is not sufficient for the post of a Divisional Inspector or Commissioner of Police.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will you please give the meaning of the term 'District training'?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It is practical training, working as an executive officer; not in the school alone.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—That is as a District Magistrate; is it what you mean?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—As the Deputy Superintendent of Police.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I was there in Salem as Deputy Superintendent of Police for 4 or 5 months. That is what is called District training.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—When Mr. Pascal was last appointed, did either of them put in petitions to the Government and if so, what was the action taken by the Government?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I claim notice. The point was not raised in the question. I claim notice for that.

Dr A. R. Menon.—You claim notice, that is better.

When does the Government think that the training would be over for these two people? Understanding this, will the Government be pleased to tell the House when will the training of these two probationary Inspectors be over, so that they may be appointed for the post for which they were sent to Vellore two years ago?

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Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—When the vacancy occurs, they will be absorbed in the Department.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Whenever vacancy occurs, they will be absorbed in the Department. Is it in that way that I am to understand the Member?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—One of the two gentlemen has been appointed as the Prosecuting Inspector and the other remains to be absorbed and when the next vacancy occurs,—

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It will take two years.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—He too will be absorbed.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What I would like the Hon'ble Member to answer is, these two people are put alongside with the Circle Inspectors one at Trichur and another at Ernakulam till recently, the two divisions that were managed by one man each. Is it to accommodate them that these two posts were created or is it because the Government think that the criminal population is increasing in Cochin State or that one Inspector cannot cope with the work and that there should be two in each division?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I do not know whether these are supplementary questions. I want notice.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It is for the Chair to say whether the question is supplementary or not.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I ask the opinion of the Chair.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I want to know whether these two gentlemen who were trained by the Government and who were doing the work which used to be done by one Inspector were appointed—is it because some accommodation has to be made for them or that the criminal population of Cochin State has increased? I believe it is a supplementary question and it is for the Chair to decide.

President.—Please answer.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I did not catch the meaning.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Before understanding, you appealed to the Chair! My question is this: Is it because that these two gentlemen are to be accommodated?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—But,—

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Please listen to the end or else you will say that you did not catch the meaning.

The work that used to be done by two Inspectors is now done by four. Is it because you wanted to accommodate these two people that you created these two additional posts or is it because the Cochin population has become more criminal and more work is thrown on the Police Department as a consequence?

President.—Where is the addition of posts?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—The work used to be done by one

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Inspector is being done now by two. They sent them for training when they did not require men; that is my contention. I wanted to find out whether my contention is right and to show that my ideas are not wrong.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—There is only one extra hand here in this division now.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—But there were two.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It was for the sake of efficiency.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Please, will you explain more clearly so that I may understand you?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—These Inspectors have got a good deal of inspection work to do and they had also to investigate personally grave crimes. But it has been observed lately that the inspection of grave crimes as well as other works have not been efficient at all. This is because of their heavy inspection work and it was found necessary that an additional hand should be given. That is all.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—So am I to understand that the work is done inefficiently in Trichur?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It follows, Sir, that one man was reduced where two men were found necessary. Therefore, the work that is done is inefficient.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It is under the contemplation of the Government to make these two divisions into three and then this one gentleman will also be absorbed.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—So we are passing through a stage of inefficiency.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It is not so.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Not very efficient at least; I am following your statement, in Trichur there is only one.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—One man is only available.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—That is why I say it is to accommodate these two that posts are created; is it not so?

President.—Some work has to be given to these gentlemen.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—That is exactly what I wanted the Government to say. They wanted these men to be accommodated.

President.—What are we to do?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—One Inspector will get on with the work; but it will not be quite efficient. So we thought for the sake of efficiency we will put one more man.

President.—Some work had to be given to these men. To have two men is always advantageous.

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Dr. A. R. Menon.—I am very happy to note that you give us a straightforward answer. Had you replied that these two are full-blown graduates or B. As. and they had to be provided with some work, that would have been a sufficient and reasonable answer. Thank you.

Action taken by Government on certain recommendations of the Legislative Council.

207. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken on the following subjects passed by the first Legislative Council:—

(1) the appointment of a Committee to enquire into the working of the Text-Book Committee ;

(2) the separation of the Panchayats from Agriculture ;

(3) starting of a State Bank ;

(4) abolition of the Tram?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(1) The Committee has already been appointed.

(2) This is engaging the Government's attention.

(3) The question is under consideration of the Government.

(4) After consideration, Government have decided to continue the Tram for the present.

Construction of the Kadanthodu bridge.

208. Mr. Ouseph P. Kundukulam.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it intends to construct the Kadanthodu bridge leading the Chittalapilli road into British territory;

(b) if so, when it intends taking up the work;

(c) if not, why the Government constructed the Mullurkayal bund road at the enormous cost of about Rs. 50,000?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) As soon as the Malabar District Board agrees to contribute a moiety of the expenditure.

(c) No answer required in view of answers to (a) and(b).

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President.—At what stage is the correspondence now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I have just submitted a sketch of the locality requesting the Government to address the Malabar District Board to ascertain whether they will be willing to contribute a moiety.

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